

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) **CONFIRMATION NO.: 1649**

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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING APPARATUS, SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD, AND
MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAM USED FOR THE METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed August 4, 2009 is due by September 4, 2009.

The Action required restriction between two patentably distinct inventions.

Applicants hereby elect Group II of claims 9-20, drawn to a method, for examination in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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